



State Of Connecticut

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STATE CAPITOL
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

November 1, 2006

Susan F. Cogswell, Commissioner
Insurance Department
153 Market Street
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Commissioner Cogswell:

As you know, we are very concerned about the approval by the state Insurance Department of the Aetna-SRC health insurance plans that we believe are misleading and do not provide meaningful health insurance coverage. The company, on its own web site, markets these plans to employers as a chance to "promote a perception of value that far exceeds their costs." These insurance plans are now the subject of a lawsuit by healthcare advocates.

We are particularly interested in the process leading to the approval of these plans, specifically, who was involved in the deliberations that led to the approval. We ask the following:

1. Please detail any conversations and other communication between the Governor's office and you or your staff regarding these insurance plans.
2. Please detail any all conversations and other communication between the Governor's campaign organization and you or your staff regarding these insurance plans.
3. Please detail any advocacy by companies, groups or the Governor's staff or campaign organization for approval of these insurance plans.

Because of the allegations of a whistleblower, there is a perception that someone in the executive branch intervened on behalf of Aetna to gain approval for these insurance plans. As the media has reported, e-mail correspondence from your staff indicates serious concerns were raised about the validity of these plans, yet they were approved.

Thank you for your assistance in providing answers to these questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Williams, Jr.".

Sen. Donald E. Williams, Jr.
President Pro Tempore

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph J. Orisco, Jr.".

Sen. Joseph J. Orisco, Jr.
Co-Chair, Insurance and Real Estate Committee